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Re:

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Sir:

The following document is forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number P30641US01.

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